

1-1 By: Farias, Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 634
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 4, 2013;
1-3 April 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the verification of an inmate's veteran status by the
1-18 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
1-21 amended by adding Section 501.023 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 501.023. VERIFICATION OF INMATE VETERAN STATUS. (a)
1-23 In this section, "system" means the Public Assistance Reporting
1-24 Information System (PARIS) operated by the Administration for
1-25 Children and Families of the United States Department of Health and
1-26 Human Services.

1-27 (b) The department shall:

1-28 (1) investigate and verify the veteran status of each
1-29 inmate by using data made available from the system through the
1-30 Health and Human Services Commission; and

1-31 (2) use system data to assist inmates who are veterans
1-32 in applying for federal benefits or compensation for which the
1-33 inmates may be eligible under a program administered by the United
1-34 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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